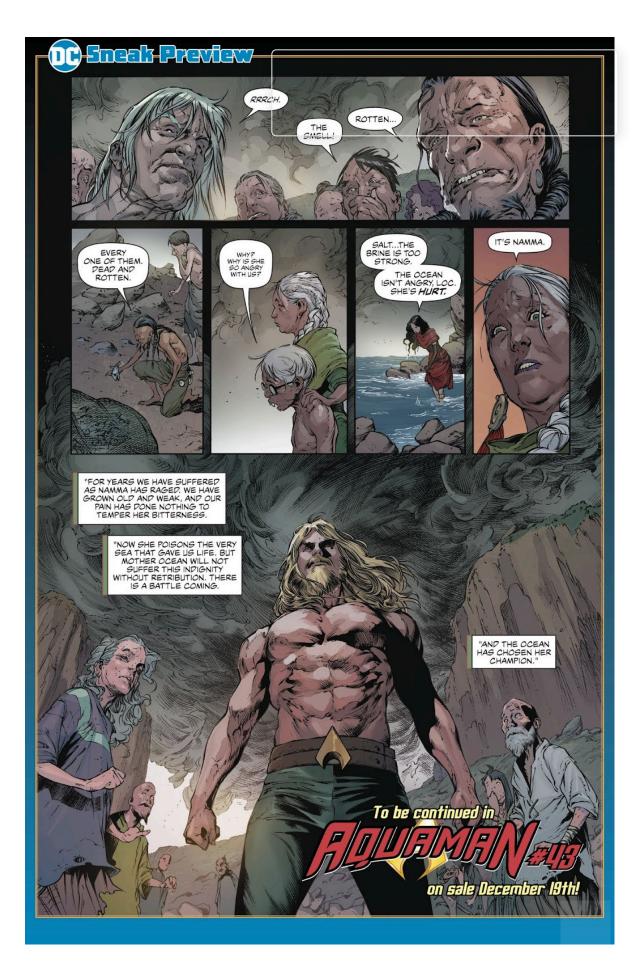






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New WONDER WOMAN writer G. Willow Wilson talks about the importance of superhero stories, her creative inspirations and her love for the heroines of DC

#### HOW ARE SUPERHERO STORIES INTEGRAL TO OUR DAY AND AGE?

**WILSON:** Superhero books are where we go where we want to see the overturning of terrible to good, which is something we really need when things are going south in the world. Turning to stories about superheroes gives us fresh hope. They show situations in which even the most horrible scenario imaginable can suddenly be solved, and we can snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

#### WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT WONDER WOMAN?

What makes this character unique is the way that she as a symbol has achieved a kind of universality. Even if you're not familiar with the story, you know what she stands for. And there's a real power in that. What's really challenging—and also a bit scary for me!—is to honor that legacy while also carrying that character forward into the 21st century. Because in order to stay relevant and to remain universal, these characters have to grow, they have to change, they have to evolve with the times.

# YOU WROTE A LOIS LANE ONE-SHOT IN SUPERMAN #704 DURING J. MICHAEL STRACZYNSKI'S RUN. WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT THE CHARACTER OF LOIS LANE?

I've always been a big Lois fan. I grew up with the Christopher Reeve films in which Lois is this amazing, cranky, idiosyncratic character. It's rare in superhero books that a non-superpowered character attains that kind of prominence. But in a way, those characters are more aspirational, because the chances of us waking up one morning with superpowers is very remote—but any of us could be Lois if we put our best foot forward every day and were tenacious about the truth and about doing our jobs with integrity.

### WHO ARE SOME OTHER FANTASTIC FEMALE HEROES THAT YOU ADMIDE IN THE DOLL?

The Bat-Family is full of complex, flawed, relatable female characters who don't have superpowers but are some of the most heroic of superheroes. And there's Mera! She has such an interesting dynamic with Aquaman.

#### WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS?

The amazing Peter Milligan run on Steve Ditko's SHADE, THE CHANG-ING MAN has left a mark on me both as a reader and as a writer. I chased down every single one of that 70-issue run, and I go back to it every couple of years. Showing what exactly you could do with the trope of a superpowered character, breaking down the fourth wall and using it to talk about history, and showing relationships between characters...it has all really, really stuck with me.



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